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Victory of the Grand Duke of Mittenheim.

By ANTHONY HOPE.

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King Rudolf, being in the worst of humors, had declared in the presence of all the court that women were born to plague men and for no other purpose whatsoever under heaven. Hearing this discourteous speech, the Princess Osra rose and said that, for her part, she would go walking alone by the river outside the city gates, where she would at least be assailed by no mote reproaches, for, since she was irrevocably determined to live and die unmarried, of what use or benefit was it to trouble her with embassies, courtings or proposals either from the Grand Duke of Mittenheim or anybody else? She was utterly weary of this matter of love, and her mood would be unchanged, though this new suitor were as exalted as the king of France, as rich as Croesus himself and as handsome as the god Apollo. She did not desire a husband, and there was an end of it. Thus she went out, while the queen sighed, and the king fumed, and the courtiers and ladies said to one another that these dimensions made life very uncomfortable at Strelsau, the ladies further adding that he would be a bold man who married Osra, although doubtless she was not ill looking.

To the banks of the river outside the walls then Osra went, and as she went she seemed to be thinking of nothing at all in the world, least of all of whom she might chance to meet there on the banks of the river, where in those busy hours of the day few came. Yet there was a strange new light in her eyes, and there seemed a new understanding in her mind, and when a young peasant wife came by, her baby in her arms, Osra stopped her and kissed the child and gave money and then ran on in unexplained confusion, laughing and blushing as though she had done something which she did not wish to be seen. Then without reason her eyes filled with tears, but she dashed them away and burst suddenly into singing, and she was still singing when, from the long grass by the river's edge, a young man sprang up, and, with a very low bow, drew aside to let her pass. He had a book in his hand, for he was a student at the university and came there to pursue his learning in peace. His plain brown clothes spoke of no wealth or station, though certainly they set off a stalwart, straight shape and seemed to

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match well with his bright brown hair and hazel eyes. Very low this young man bowed, and Osra bent her head. The pace of her walk slackened, grew quicker, slackened again. She was past him, and with a great sigh he lay down again. She turned; he sprang up. She spoke coldly, yet kindly:

"Sir," said she, "I cannot but notice that you lie every day here by the river, with your book, and that you sigh. Tell me your trouble, and if I can I will relieve it."

"I am reading, madam," he answered, "of Helen of Troy, and I am sighing because she is dead."

"It is an old grief by now," said Osra, smiling. "Will no one serve you but Helen of Troy?"

"If I were a prince," said he, "I need not mourn."

"No, sir?"

"No, madam," he said with another bow.

"Farewell, sir."

"Madam, farewell."

So she went on her way and saw him *no more till the next day, nor after that* till the next day following, and then some an interval when she saw him not, and the interval was no less than 24 hours. Yet still he read of Helen of Troy, and still sighed that she was dead and he no prince. At last he tempted the longed for question from her shy, smiling lips.

"Why would you not mourn, sir, if you were a prince?" said she. "For princes and princesses have their share of sighs." And with a very plaintive sigh Osra looked at the rapid running river as she waited for the answer.

"Because I would then go to Strelsau, and so forget her."

"But you are at Strelsau now," she cried with wonderful surprise.

"Ah, but I am no prince, madame," said he.

"Can princes alone—forget in Strelsau?"

"How should a poor student dare to—forget in Strelsau?" And as he spoke he made bold to step near her and stood close, looking down into her face. Without a word she turned and left him, going with a step that seemed to dance through the meadow and yet led her to her own chamber, where she could weep in quiet.

"I know it now, I know it now," she whispered softly that night to the tree that rose by her window. "Heigh-ho, what am I to do? I cannot live; no, and now I cannot die. Ah me, what am I to do? I wish I were a peasant girl, but, then, perhaps he would not— Ah, yes, but he would!" And her long laugh rippled in triumph through the night and blended with the rustling of the leaves under a summer breeze, and she stretched her white arms to heaven, imploring the kind God with prayers that she dared not speak ever to his pitiful ear.

"Love knows no princesses, my princess." It was that she heard as she fled from him next day. She should have rebuked him. But for that she must have staid; and to stay she had not dared. Yet she must rebuke him. She must see him again in order to rebuke him. Yet all this while she must be pestered with the court of the grand duke of Mittenheim. And when she would not name a day on which the embassy should come the king flew into a passion and declared that he would himself set a date for it. Was his sister mad, he asked, that she would do nothing but walk every day by the river's bank?

"Surely I must be mad," thought Osra, "for no sane being could be at once so joyful and so piteously unhappy."

Did he know what it was he asked? He seemed to know nothing of it. He did not speak any more now of princesses, only of his princess; nor of Osra, save of his heart's queen, and when his eyes asked love they asked as though none would refuse, and there could be no cause for refusal. He would have wooed his neighbor's daughter thus, and thus he wooed the sister of King Rudolf. "Will you love me?" was his question now. "Though you love, yet dare you own your love?" He seemed to shut the whole world from her, leaving nothing but her and him, and in a world that held none but her and him she could love, unblamed, untroubled and with no trembling.

"You forget who I am," she faltered once.

"You are the beauty of the world," he answered, smiling, and he kissed her hand—a matter about which she could make no great ado, for it was not the first time that he had kissed it.

But the embassy from the grand duke was to come in a week and to be received with great pomp. The ambassador was already on the way, carrying proposals and gifts. Therefore Osra went, pale and sad, down to the river bank that day, having declared again to the king that she would live and die unmarried. But the king had laughed again. Surely she needed kindness and consolation that sad day. But fate had kept by her a crowning sorrow, for she found him also almost sad, at least she could not tell whether he were sad or not, for he smiled and yet seemed ill at ease, like a man who ventures a fall with fortune, hoping and fearing. And he said to her:

"Madam, in a week I return to my own country."

She looked at him in silence with lips just parted. For her life she could not speak, but the sun grew dark and the river changed its merry tune to mournful dirges.

"So the dream ends," said he. "So comes the awakening. But if life were all a dream!" And his eyes sought hers.

"Yes," she whispered, "if life were all a dream, sir!"

"Then I should dream of two dreamers whose dream was one, and in that dream I should see them ride together at break of day from Strelsau."

"Whither?" she murmured.

"To paradise," said he. "But the dream ends. If it did not end"— He paused.

"If it did not end?" a breathless longing whisper echoed.

"If it did not end now, it should not end even with death," said he.

"You see them in your dream? You see them riding"—

"Aye, swiftly, side by side, they two alone, through the morning. None is near, none knows."

He seemed to be searching her face for something that yet he scarcely hoped to find.

"And their dream," said he, "brings them at last to a small cottage, and there they live"—

"They live?"

"And work, he added. "For she keeps his home while he works."

"What does she do?" asked Osra, with smiling, wondering eyes.

"She gets his food for him when he comes home weary in the evening and makes a bright fire and"—

"Ah, and she runs to meet him at the door. Oh, further than the door!"

"But she has worked hard and is weary."

"No, she is not weary," cried Osra. "It is for him."

"The wise say this is silly talk," said he.

"The wise are fools, then," cried Osra.

"So the dream would please you, madam?" he asked. She had come not to know how she left him. Somehow while he still spoke she would suddenly escape by flight. He did not pursue, but let her go. So now she returned to the city, her eyes filled with that golden dream, and she entered the home as though it had been some strange palace decked with new magnificence and she an alien in it. For her true home seemed now rather in the cottage of the dream, and she moved unfamiliarly through the pomp that had been hers from birth. Her soul was gone from it, while her body rested there, and life stopped for her till she saw him again by the banks of the river.

"In five days now I go," said he. And he smiled at her. She hid her face in her hands. Still he smiled, but suddenly he sprang forward, for she had sobbed. The summons had sounded; he was there, and who could sob again when he was there and his sheltering arm warded away all grief? She looked up at him with shining eyes, whispering:

"Do you go alone?"

A great joy blazed confidently in his eyes as he whispered in answer:

"I think I shall not go alone."

"But how, how?"

"I have two horses."

"You! You have two horses?"

"Yes. Is it not riches? But we will sell them when we get to the cottage."

"To the cottage! Two horses?"

"I would I had but one for both of us."

"Yes."

"But we should not go quick enough."

"No."

He took his hand from her waist and stood away from her.

"You will not come?" he said.

"If you doubt of my coming, I will not come. Ah, do not doubt of my coming, for there is a great hoard of fears and black thoughts beating at the door, and you must not open it."

"And what can keep it shut, my princess?"

"I think your arm, my prince," said she. And she flew to him.

That evening King Rudolf swore that if a man were only firm enough and

A man sat at a table, and two others stood before him.

kept his temper (which, by the way, the king had not done, though none dared say so) he could bring any foolish girl to reason in good time, for, in the softest voice and with the strangest smile flitting to her face, the Princess Osra was pleased to bid the embassy come on the fifth day from then.

"And they shall have their answer, then," said she, flushing and smiling.

"It is as much as any lady could say," the court declared. And it was reported through all Strelsau that the match was as good as made, and that Osra was to be Grand Duchess of Mittenheim.

"She is a sensible girl after all," cried Rudolf, all his anger gone.

The dream began then, before they came to the cottage. Those days she lived in its golden mists that shut out all the cold world from her, moving through space that held but one form, and time had stood still waiting for one divine unending moment. And the embassy drew near to Strelsau.

It was night, the dead of night, and all was still in the palace. But the sentinel by the little gate was at his post, and the gate warden stood by the western gate of the city. Each was now alone, but to each, an hour ago, a man had come, stealthily and silently through the darkness, and each was richer by a bag of gold than he had been before. The gold was Osra's. How should a poor student, whose whole fortune was two horses, scatter bags of gold? And other gold Osra had—aye, 500 crowns. Would not that be a brave surprise for the poor student? And she alone, of all awake, stood looking round her room, entranced with the last aspect of it.

Over the city also she looked, but in the selfishness of her joy did no more than kiss a hasty farewell to the good city folk who loved her. Once she thought that maybe some day he and she would steal together back to Strelsau, and, sheltered by some disguise, watch the king ride in splendor through the streets. But if not—why, what was Strelsau and the people and the rest? Ah, how long the hours were before those two horses stood by the little gate and the sentry and the gate warden earned their bags of gold! So she passed the hours, the last long, lingering hours.

There was a little tavern buried in the narrowest, oldest street of the city. Here the poor student had lodged. Here in the back room a man sat at a table, and two others stood before him. These two seemed gentlemen, and their air spoke of military training. They stroked long mustaches and smiled with an amusement that deference could not hide. Both were booted and wore spurs, and the man sitting at the table gave them orders.

"You will meet the embassy," he said to one, "about 10 o'clock. Bring it to the place I have appointed and wait there. Do not fail."

The officer addressed bowed and retired. A minute later his horse's hoofs flattered through the streets. Perhaps he also had a bag of gold, for the gate warden opened the western gate for him, and he rode at a gallop along the river banks till he reached the great woods that stretched to within ten miles of Strelsau.

"An hour after we are gone," said the man at the table to the other officer, "go warily, find one of the king's servants and give him the letter. Give no account of how you came by it and say nothing of who you are. All that is necessary is in the letter. When you have given it, return here and remain in close hiding till you hear from me again."

The second officer bowed. The man at the table rose and went out into the street. He took his way to where the palace rose and then skirted along the wall of its gardens till he came to the little gate. Here stood two horses, and a their heads a man.

"It is well. You can go," said the student. And he was left alone with the horses. They were good horses for a student to possess. The thought perhaps crossed their owner's mind, for he laughed softly as he looked at them. Then he also fell to thinking that the hours were long, and a fear came suddenly upon him that she would not come. It was in those last hours that doubts crept in, and she was not there to drive them away. Would the great trial fail? Would she shrink at the last? But he would not think it of her. And he was smiling again, when the clock of the cathedral struck 2 and told him that no more than one hour now parted her from him, for she would come. The princess would come to him, the student, led by the vision of that cottage in the dream.

Would she come? She would come. She had risen from her knees and moved to and fro in cautious silence, making her last preparations. She had written a word of love for the brother she loved —for some day, of course, Rudolf would forgive her—and she had ready all that she took with her, the 500 crowns, one ring that she would give her lover, some clothes to serve till his loving labor furnished more. That night she had wept and she had laughed, but now she neither wept nor laughed. But there was a great pride in her face and gait. And she opened the door of her room and walked down the great staircase under the eyes of crowned kings who hung framed upon the walls, and as she went she seemed, indeed, their daughter, for her head was erect and her eye set firm in haughty dignity. Who dared to say that she did anything that a king's daughter should not do? Should not a woman love? Love should be her diadem. And so, with this proud step, she came through the gardens of the palace, looking neither to right nor left nor behind, but with her face set straight for the little gate, and she walked as she had been accustomed to walk when all Strelsau looked on her and hailed her as its glory and its darling.

The sentry slept or seemed to sleep. Her face was not even veiled when she opened the little gate. She would not veil her proud face. It was his to look on now when he would. And thus she stood for an instant in the gateway, while he sprang to her, and, kneeling, carried her hand to his lips.

"You are come?" he cried, for though he had believed, yet he wondered.

"I am come," she smiled. "Is not the word of a princess sure? Ah, how could I not come!"

"See, love," said he, rising. "Day dawns in royal purple for you and golden love for me."

"The purple is for my king and the love for me," she whispered as he led her to her horse. "Your fortune," said she, pointing to them. "But I also have brought a dowry. Fancy 500 crowns!" And her mirth and happiness burst out in a laugh. It was so deliciously little —500 crowns!

She was mounted now, and he stood by her.

"Will you turn back?" he said.

"You shall not make me angry," said she. "Come, mount!"

"Aye, I must mount," said he, "for if we were found here the king would kill me."

For the first time the peril of their enterprise seemed to strike into her mind and turned her cheek pale.

"Ah, I forgot! In my happiness I forgot! Mount, mount! Oh, if he found you!"

He mounted. Once they clasped hands; then they rode swiftly for the western gate.

"Veil your face," he said. And since he bade her she obeyed, saying:

"Lead me on through the veil."

The gate stood open, and the gate warden was not there. They were out of the city. The morning air blew cold and pure from the meadows from the river. The horses stretched into an eager gallop, and Osra tore her veil from her face and turned on him eyes of radiant triumph.

"It is done!" she cried. "It is done!"

"Yes, it is done, my princess," said he.

"And—and it is begun, my prince," said she.

"Yes, and it is begun," said he.

She laughed aloud in absolute joy, and for a moment he also laughed.

But then his face grew grave, and he said:

"I pray you may never grieve for it."

She looked at him with eyes wide in wonder. For an instant she seemed puzzled, but then she fell again to laughing.

"Grieve for it," said she between her merry laughs.

King Rudolf was a man who lay late in the morning, and he was not well pleased to be roused when the clock had but just struck 4. Yet he sat up in his bed readily enough, for he imagined that the embassy from the Grand Duke of Mittenheim must be nearer than he had thought, and, sooner than fail in any courtesy toward the prince, whose alliance he ardently desired, he was ready to submit to much inconvenience. But his astonishment was great when, instead of any tidings from the embassy, one of the gentlemen handed him a letter, saying that a servant had received it from a stranger, with instructions to carry it at once to the king. When asked if any answer were desired from his majesty, the stranger had answered, "Not through me," and at once turned away and quickly disappeared. The king, with a peevish oath at having been roused for such a trifle, broke the seal and fastenings of the letter and opened it, and he read:

"Sire, your sister does not wait for the embassy, but chooses her own lover. She has met a student of the university every day for the last three weeks by the river bank." (*The king started.*) "This morning she has fled with him on horseback along the western road. If you desire a student for a brother-in-law, sleep again; if not, up and ride. Do not doubt these tidings."

There was no signature to the letter, yet the king, knowing his sister, cried:

"See whether the princess is in the palace. And in the meanwhile saddle my horse and let a dozen of the guard be at the gate."

The princess was not in the palace, but her woman found the letter that she had left and brought it to the king. And the king read:

"Brother, whom I love best of all men in the world save one. You will not forgive me now, but some day forgive me. Nay, it is not I who have done it, but my love, which is braver than I. He is the sweetest gentleman alive, brother, and therefore he must be my lord. Let me go, but still love me. Osra."

"It is true," said the king, "and the embassy will be here today." And for a moment he seemed dazed. Yet he spoke nothing to anybody of what the letters contained, but sent word to the queen's apartments that he went riding for pleasure. And he took his sword and his pistols, for he swore that by his own hand and that of no other man this sweetest gentleman alive should meet his death. But all, knowing that the princess was not in the palace, guessed that the king's sudden haste concerned her, and great wonder and speculation rose in the palace, and presently, as the morning advanced, spread from the palace to its environs and from the environs to the rest of the city. For it was reported that a sentinel that had stood guard that night was missing and that a mysterious letter had come by an unknown hand to the king, and, lastly, that Princess Osra—their princess—was gone, whether by her own will or by some bold plot of seizure and kidnaping, none knew. Thus a great stir grew in all Strelsau, and men stood about the streets gossiping when they should have gone to work, while women chattered in lieu of sweeping their houses and dressing their children. So that when the king rode out of the courtyard of the palace at a gallop, with 12 of the guard behind, he could hardly make his way through the streets for the people who crowded round him, imploring him to tell them where the princess was. When the king saw that the matter had thus become public, his wrath was greater still, and he swore again that the student of the university should pay the price of life for his morning ride with the princess, and when he darted through the gate and set his horse straight along the western road many of the people, neglecting all their business, as folk will for excitement's sake, followed him as best they could, agog to see the thing to its end.

"The horses are weary," said the student to the princess. "We must let them rest; we are now in the shelter of the wood."

"But my brother may pursue you," she urged, "and if he came up with you —ah, heaven forbid!"

"He will not know you have gone for another three hours," smiled he, "and here is a green bank where we can rest."

So he aided her to dismount; then, saying he would tether the horses, he led them away some distance, so that she could not see where he had posted them, and he returned to her, smiling still. Then he took from his pocket some bread, and, breaking the loaf in two, gave her one-half, saying:

"There is a spring just here, so we shall have a good breakfast."

"Is this your breakfast?" she asked, with a wondering laugh. Then she began to eat and cried directly:

"How delicious this bread is! I would have nothing else for breakfast." And at this the student laughed.

Yet Osra ate little of the bread she liked so well, and presently she leaned against her lover's shoulder, and he put his arm around her, and they sat for a little while in silence listening to the soft sounds that filled the waking woods as day grew to fullness and the sun beat warm through the sheltering foliage.

"Don't you hear the trees?" Osra whispered to her lover. "Don't you hear them? They are whispering for me what I dare not whisper."

"What is it they whisper, sweet?" he asked, and he himself did no more than whisper.

"The trees whisper, 'Love, love, love!' And the wind—don't you hear the wind murmuring, 'Love, love, love?' And the birds sing, 'Love, love, love!' Aye, all the world today is softly whispering, 'Love, love, love!' What else should the great world whisper but my love, for my love is greater than the world?" And she securely hid her face in her hands, and he could kiss no more than her hands, though her eyes gleamed at him from between slim white fingers.

But suddenly her hands dropped, and she leaned forward as though she listened.

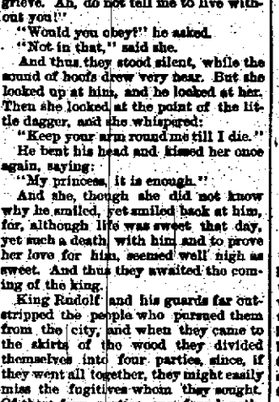
"What is that sound?" she asked, apprehension dawning in her eyes.

"It is but another whisper, love," said he.

"Nay, but it sounds to me like—ah, like the noise of horses galloping!"

"It is but the stream beating over stones."

"Listen, listen, listen!" she cried, springing to her feet. "They are horses'



"Don't you hear the trees?" Osra whispered.

hoofs. Ah, merciful God, it is the king!" And she caught him by the hand and pulled him to his feet, looking at him with a face pale and alarmed.

"Not the king," said he. "He would not know yet. It is some one else. Hide your face, dear lady, and all will be well."

"It is the king," she cried. "Hark, how they gallop on the road! It is my brother. Love, he will kill you; love, he will kill you. Love, he will kill you."

"If it is the king," said he, "I have been betrayed."

"The horses, the horses!" she cried. "By your love for me, the horses!"

He nodded his head, and, turning, disappeared among the trees. She stood, with clasped hands, heaving breast and fearful eyes, awaiting his return. Minutes passed, and he came not. She flung herself on her knees, beseeching heaven for his life. At last he came along alone, and he bent over her, taking her hand.

"My love," said he,

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REPUBLICAN CAUCUS CALL.

The Republican electors for primary election purposes, and the regular political guides in accordance with the rules of the Republican party of McKean county, on Saturday, April 17th, 1897, between the hours 2 and 7 p. m. for the purpose of electing in each district a candidate for Additional Law Judge, County Commissioner, and three delegates to the State Convention, and for the purpose to elect district of a member of the County Committee to serve for the ensuing year, and for the County Convention to be held in Court House at Smethport, on Tuesday, April 20th, at two o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating the term of said convention, and for the purpose of electing a County Chairman for the ensuing year.

WALTER GREEN, Chairman.
FRANK A. FEALEY, Secy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SMETHPORT, Pa., January 29th, 1897.

MR. EDITOR:—Please announce that I am a candidate for nomination, by the voters of McKean county, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

THOMAS A. MORRISON.

TO THE EDITOR:—You are authorized to announce that I am a candidate for the office of Additional Law Judge of the 55th Judicial District subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

EUGENE MULLIN.

Smethport, Pa., March 26, 1897.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for delegate from McKean county to the State convention, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

C. S. KING.

Port Allegany, Feb. 15, 1897.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for delegate from McKean county to the State convention, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

M. W. MOFFITT.

Keno, Feb. 15, 1897.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for delegate from McKean county to the State convention, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

W. W. BROWN.

Smethport, Feb. 15, 1897.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for delegate from McKean county to the State convention, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

BURT CHADWICK.

Smethport, Feb. 15, 1897.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce me as a candidate for delegate to next Republican State convention, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

W. K. BURDICK.

Smethport, Feb. 15, 1897.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for delegate from McKean county to the State convention, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

JOHN W. CAMPBELL.

Keno, Feb. 15, 1897.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of Jury Commissioner, subject to the usages of the Republican primaries.

WALTER OSTRANDER.

Liberty township, March 2, 1897.

EDITOR MINER:—Will you please announce that I am a candidate for re-nomination for the office of Coroner subject to the decision of the Republican county primaries.

E. R. SHERMAN.

Kendall Creek, Pa., March 31, 1897.

TAXPAYERS will find it to their interest to make a cross opposite the name of E. R. Sherman when voting to-morrow.

TAXPAYERS who believe in having the duties of coroner discharged in an economical manner will vote for the renomination of E. R. Sherman for that office.

GRESHAM STANDS PAT, says the Syracuse Inquirer. To be sure, and so for that matter does Ireland. — Judge. Uncle Sam evidently has to stand in a like manner.

OVERLOOK R. LINDSLEY seems to be very much wrought up over the situation of the MINER in the Delegate fight in this county, but that undoubtedly comes from his own position, as he has been sitting straddle the fence ever since last summer and not been able to touch either foot to the ground. Sterling, you know how it is yourself, in your famous free-silver and sound-money straddle.

JOHN SMITH in the Buffalo Express says: The latest Kansas freak is a campaign against the ministers who are not advocates of free silver. A Populist editor has promulgated the idea that all true believers should refuse to support clergymen who have bowed to Wall street. A Kansas revision of the Bible striking out all reference to the golden streets of the New Jerusalem will be next in order.

ELSEWHERE will be found the announcement of E. R. Sherman as a candidate for re-election to the office of coroner. Mr. Sherman has been faithful and efficient as well as economical in the discharge of the duties of the office. The Republicans of McKean county could do no more commendable deed than to continue him in office. When you attend the caucuses to-morrow give the comrade your support.

BUSINESS is represented to be "quiet." This is usually the case when tariff changes are under way. Not till the Dingley bill is in final shape can the great industries adjust themselves to the coming conditions. This is why President McKinley acted wisely in bringing Congress together early, and why the Republicans in the House are unable to pushing the bill vigorously. The uncertainty will soon end, and the business revival will begin.—Globe-Democrat.

DEATH OF JUDGE WILSON.

Ex-Judge Stephen F. Wilson of Wellsboro died at that place Wednesday, March 31, aged 76 years. Mr. Wilson was born in Bradford county, this State, in 1821. He lived on the farm until 16 years of age. In 1842 he began reading law and in 1845 was admitted to the bar. In 1862 he was elected to the State Senate, the district then comprising the counties of Warren, McKean, Potter and Tioga. In 1864 he was elected to Congress in the district then composed of Lycoming, Tioga, Centre, Clinton and Potter, and was re-elected in 1866. In 1871 he was elected Additional Law Judge of this district, and at the following election was elected for a full term of 10 years. In 1884 President Arthur appointed him Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Mexico. In 1887 he was appointed President Judge of this district to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Judge Williams to the Supreme Court of the State. For the last eight years he has practiced law. The following is from the Wellsboro Gazette:

In the hurry and bustle incident to a political and public career, Judge Wilson was not reminded of his last earthly home. A few years ago he erected a unique and substantial burial vault in the cemetery in this place. It is in the form of a log cabin and is surmounted of a peculiar grey stone obtained from Ohio. Looking through the door into the vault one sees the top of a sarcophagus, at the head of which stands a marble bust of the late Judge. The inscription on the marble slab covering the receptacle gives the name and date of birth, with a blank for the insertion of the date of his death. Underneath all is this strange sentence: "P. S.—Waiting for further orders."

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 1, 1897.—The Dingley tariff bill having last week passed the House, receiving every Republican vote, five Democratic votes and one Populist vote, is now in the hands of the Senate Committee on Finance. Every statement made concerning changes in the bill by that committee is a guess. Senators Allison, Aldrich and Platt of Connecticut, who have been going over the bill as a sub committee, are not the kind of men to announce their conclusions, even when they have definitely arrived at them, to the public, before making their report to their colleagues on the committee. When the committee decides upon the amendments to the bill will be time enough to praise or to criticize its work. Until then your guess is as good as anybody's, if you must have a guess.

The honor of being the first fourth-class postmaster appointed by President McKinley, fell to Mr. John P. Kelley of White Cloud, Kansas. The delay in making appointments of this class was owing to the change in the office of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General. Mr. Bristow is now occupying that position and will proceed as rapidly as possible to fill the 2,500 vacancies which have accumulated since the new administration came in. There will probably be an average of about 50 appointments a day made until the work gets up to date.

Senator Elkins has for a long time been studying the question of how best to restore the old time prestige of American shipping. As a result of that study he has made a very strong speech in the Senate in favor of his bill providing for the imposing of duties upon imports in a manner that will discriminate in favor of American ships.

President McKinley seldom makes promises in connection with appointments, but he has made one that will please every patriotic American, that is, to appoint young Phil Sheridan a cadet to West Point as soon as he reaches the age of eligibility, which will be sometime next year.

Representative Grosvenor of Ohio is a good lawyer, and the following opinion from him on the decision of the Supreme Court which so many persons, especially Democrats, profess to think is opposed by the amendment to the tariff bill making the duties imposed by that bill go into effect April 1, and upon the right of Congress to pass such an amendment, is both timely and interesting. After citing other misunderstandings, Mr. Grosvenor says: "Simply and solely what the Supreme Court did hold was that the Wilson law, which went into effect on the 28th day of August, and was said to take effect from the first day of August, did not repeal the McKinley law until the day when it was passed, and how anybody could have had a doubt about that is a mystery to me, but the Supreme Court did not hold that the long line of retrospective legislation in the Wilson law was not approved. That law bristles with retrospective legislation, Whiskey in bond and not in bond that had been manufactured and deposited in the bonded ware house or was on that day deposited at a tax of ninety cents, was immediately raised to $1.10. New bonds were required, the whole system remodeled, but no lawyer in the U. S. ever disputed the power of Congress to pass just such an enactment. The best evidence of the popular estimate of this retroactive amendment is found in the fact that the vast body of importers who presumably have the very best legal advice at their command, have all accepted as conclusive that Congress has that power."

President McKinley's appointments have been uniformly good, and even his bitterest political opponents have found it difficult to criticize any of them, and his appointment of Maj. Benj. Butterworth to be Commissioner of Patents is surely the right man in the right place. He is an able lawyer and statesman of wide experience, and having been Commissioner of Patents once before, and had service on the House Committee on Patents, is thoroughly familiar with the important duties of the position. He is quite large enough for a Cabinet position, or for that matter for the highest position in the country. But there are few public places in which a man of Maj. Butterworth's equipment can do so much good as in the patent office. The practice in, and especially out of that office is desperately in need of reform.

Hon. H. Clay Evans, the new Commissioner of Pensions, is now in charge of that office. He says his policy will be to justly administer the pension laws, and his record is such that his old comrades have every confidence in his doing so.

DUN'S REPORT

Failures reported to-day for the first quarter of 1897 number 3,993 against 4,031 last year, with liabilities of $48,007,911 against $57,425,135 last year. The manufacturing failures are slightly fewer in number and smaller in liabilities than last year, but the trading failures fall a little behind those of the corresponding quarter last year in number and very largely in magnitude. The average of liabilities for all manufacturing returns is only $28,800, while the average of all trading concerns is only $7,810 against $10,080 last year, a decrease which indicates caution in buying and debt creating.

The markets are still waiting, some sagging downward and others recovering. There is much disposition to use the decision of the Supreme Court against railroad combinations as an instrument for depressing stocks, and yet the buying has prevented a decline exceeding $1.00 per share, and for trust stocks 20 cents per share. It is largely a trader's market, and the substantial holders are not throwing stocks overboard, while in spells the European buying has influence. The reports of railroad earnings for the quarter have been somewhat encouraging, the aggregate having been, on roads within the United States only, 3.2 per cent. smaller than last year, and only 9.1 per cent. smaller than in 1893 and the March returns have been rather more favorable than those for January or February. The vote of the House in favor of the new tariff bill has made no impression in business, since it has been expected since November that some measure of the same general character would become a law. If the bill stands, with its provision making new duties applicable April 1, the chances are that foreign imports and treasury receipts may be for a time considerably restricted.

If your children are troubled with colds, croup or whooping cough, you will be interested in the statement of Mr. J. A. Noll, Jr. & Bro., large general merchants at Pleasant Gap, Pa. Mr. Noll says: "Whenever my children are affected with croup I give them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and it always effects a prompt cure. My customers like this remedy very much, and there are some who say it has been the means of saving their children's lives. The 25 and 50 cent bottles are for sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

When in need of a good reliable cough medicine remember that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy not only relieves but cures. Mr. Joseph Rogers of West Warren, Pa., when suffering from a very severe cold and cough took this remedy with the best results. He says it helped effectually and not only relieved but cured him. If you have any fear of pneumonia, by all means chose this remedy, as it counteracts any tendency of a cold toward pneumonia. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

At W. D. Gallup's store you can get choice timothy and clover seed. He has just received a car load of the best.

Four large draft horses for sale. Inquire of E. A. Littlefield. tf

HARMONY ON THE TARIFF.

Some Democrats appear to think that the opposition which a few Republicans make to certain provisions in the tariff bill and the changes which the committee on ways and means has made from time to time in it mean that the Republicans are not harmonious on that measure. They are mistaken. There are no differences of opinion among Republicans on the general principle of protection. Every Republican wants a tariff which will give adequate protection to all industries which require it. There will be differences of view as to the particular rates here and there in the bill which are needed to give this protection. Such differences always have existed and always will. They are usually adjusted, however, and the bills, in their final shape, have received the support of the entire party. This will be the case with the present measure.

"We are not pledged to any particular schedules," says the platform of the Republican national convention of 1896. "The question of rates is a practical question, to be governed by the condition of the times and of production; the ruling and uncompromising principle is the protection and development of American labor and industry." This is the policy of wisdom. The men who formulated it know that conditions change, and that duties which would be adequate or too high at one time might be too low at another time, and vice versa. For these reasons no party which has sensible leadership will tie itself down to a hard and fast average of rates, but will govern itself by the state of the markets, the presence or absence of foreign competition and the condition of labor. The Republican party grasps these truths, and will continue to regulate its conduct by their requirements.

There will be no break in the Republican line on the tariff or any other great question. The party will endeavor to shape the tariff measure so that it will deal fairly with all interests which it touches. The aim is to make its operations equitable upon all industries which come under its influence. As every intelligent person knows, this is an exceedingly difficult task. To perform it satisfactorily calls for great knowledge of the entire industrial situation, and profound tact in the adjustment of the conflicting claims of different interests. The Republican party is making an earnest and intelligent effort to meet these demands. That this effort will be successful every Republican believes. Such modifications as will be made in the Dingley bill are those which the party think the public interest requires, and the bill will receive the vote of every Republican in both branches of Congress.—Globe-Democrat.

Scientific Temperance Instruction.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union recognized very early in its career the paramount necessity of teaching "the reasons for total abstinence, as found in the nature of alcholic drinks and other narcotics, and their effects upon the human system in connection with relative physiology and hygiene." In 1879, five years from its organization, Mrs. Mary H. Hunt brought before the national convention the necessity for a thorough study of scientific temperance in public schools as a preventive against intemperance, and a standing committee was appointed to urge upon the various states of the union the adoption of this as one of the regular branches to be taught in the schools. In 1880 the committee was superseded by the creation of a department of scientific temperance instruction in schools and colleges, with Mrs. Hunt as national superintendent. Less than 17 years have elapsed since on Oct. 23, 1880, this noble woman entered on the task for which she had been prepared by five years of active work in a narrower sphere. And here it is well to remark that Mrs. Hunt, like many of our best workers, found in the needs of her own home life the call to provide for those of others. It was her practical oversight of the education of her own child in the Massachusetts institute of technology that led her into an inquiry into the nature and effects of alcohol on the human system. "The study," she says, "became an absorbing research that filled me with alarm for the future of a nation whose people are consuming such vast quantities of alcohol."

In 1882 Mrs. Hunt secured the passage of a set of resolutions by the American medical association, as to the evil nature and effect of alcoholic drinks, and in the same year the national W.C.T.U. adopted a plan of work for securing temperance education laws. In November of that year, through the efforts of Mrs. Hunt and her co-workers, the first compulsory education law ever enacted was put on the statute books of Vermont, followed in 1883 by Michigan and New Hampshire. But there were no suitable text books, and authors and publishers alike were unwilling to undertake to supply them, being slow to believe there would be a permanent market for this kind of literature. This led Mrs. Hunt into the work of securing the publication of text books that would have no misleading teaching, and in 1884 Prof. Steele's hygienic physiologies, prepared under the direction of our W.C.T.U. and Prof. A. R. Palmer, M. D., dean of the medical department of the University of Michigan, were ready for use.

And now, Mrs. Hunt, ably supported by state and county W.C.T.U.'s, labored with varying success in state after state to induce the legislatures to enact compulsory education laws for scientific temperance education. I say varying success, because complete success means the passage of a law with a penalty for non-fulfillment of its provisions, and the adoption of such text books as are endorsed by Mrs. Hunt's signature and those of the committee of physicians and instructors who have made a scientific examination of their value.

Mrs. Hunt had a large map hanging in the W.C.T.U. exhibit at the world's fair in Chicago, on which the various states and territories which had passed scientific temperance education laws were marked out in white, and on the white surfaces a series of asterisks and other marks indicated the character of the laws passed. It was interesting to note how the states that had adopted these laws had successively risen in the character of the teaching required. Vermont, for instance, the first to adopt the study, was far behind some of the newer states; though she has since redeemed her noble character and bristles on the newer issues of the map with as many asterisks, daggers and double daggers, sections and stars as North Dakota itself. This map has been published on a reduced scale for the use of our workers, and where in 1886 the large map showed Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, Indiana and New Jersey still in the blackness of outer darkness, our present map show but three states outside the glorious shining of the light of scientific temperance instruction. Those three are Virginia, Georgia and Arkansas. Every other state and every territory of the United States, and the District of Columbia, with the United States military and naval academies, has been gained by such earnest work as has seldom been done with an absolutely unselfish purpose.

Our own Pennsylvania adopted the study in 1885. Its law makes the study mandatory in the public schools, with a penalty for non-compliance; it is required that all pupils in all schools be taught in the same manner and as thoroughly as they are taught other required branches, and that no teacher who has not passed a satisfactory examination in this subject be granted a certificate or authorized to teach.

To secure the satisfactory enforcement of this law the W.C.T.U. of Penn's has a state superintendent. Reports are sent to county superintendents to whom local workers from each union in the county again report. These workers are each provided with an outfit, consisting of a co-worker's letter of instructions, annually written by Mrs. Hunt, a copy of the law with standard required for its enforcement, endorsed by the state superintendent of public instruction, a copy or copies of Mrs. Hunt's map, printed visiting blanks on which to record the statistics of the school visited and a printed form of report to be filled out and forwarded to the W.C.T.U. county superintendent, in time for her to tabulate from the local reports her own report to the county convention and to the state superintendent, who in her turn reports to the state convention and to Mrs. Hunt, our honored national superintendent.

The much to be lamented lack in our McKean county work is the paucity of unions in our county, so that some township schools are never visited by our workers.

I regret the impossibility of telling in half a column what the W.C.T.U. has achieved in this one single department of her work, with no money at her command, except the slender funds of her own organization. She has appealed to the conscience and common sense of her brother men, and he has enacted these laws in spite of the organized opposition of the liquor league, with its immense treasury behind it. She now appeals to him to help "save the boys" in his capacity of voter, member of the school board and leader of public opinion. Help the W.C.T.U. by seeing that the law is enforced, wherever a man's influence can do it. For these are your boys; the lawmakers of ten years hence.

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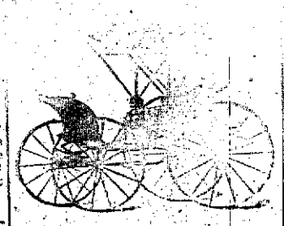

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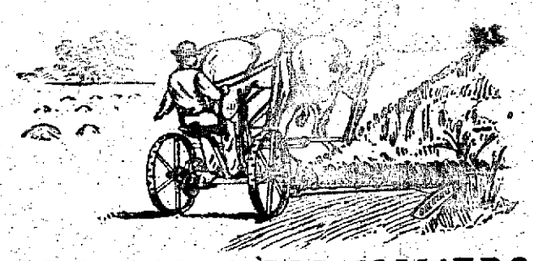

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Auditor's Notice.

In re estate of Franklin Bly, late of Eldred township, McKean Co., Pa., deceased. } In the Orphan's Court of McKean County. } No. 10, Feb. term, '97.

Notice is hereby given that the Hon. T. A. Morrison will sit as auditor to distribute the funds in the hands of Gilbert Moody, executor of said estate, at the Court House, at Smethport, Pa., on Saturday, April 17, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., at which time and place all parties having claims on said funds will present the same or forever be debarred from participating therein.

T. P. RICHMOND,
Att'y for Gilbert Moody, Executor.
April 9, 1897.—3t-pd

A Glimpse of Spring

May be had from a glimpse through "The Big Store." The old saying is, "In the spring the young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love." Of course the poet referred to love of the beautiful new goods to be found at "The Big Store." A dollar this spring will do the work of $1.50 in former seasons.

Among the new and inexpensive fabrics are:

40 inch fish nets, 15 cents.
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Embroidered edge sash muslins, 10c, 20c, 22c and up.
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Beautiful Corduroys, Velours and Liberty velvets, 75c, 90c and $1.
50 inch drapery goods for arch ways, 40c, 75c, 85c, $1.50, $2.75 and $3.25 per yard. Fringes to match, 10c to 40c.
All colors curtain loops, 10c, 20c, 30c, 40c and 85c a pair.
Beautiful white curtain poles, 4 feet long, complete, 40c, 50c, 75c and 90c.
Rich new lace curtains, $1.10, $1.23, $1.75, $1.98 and up.
Finest of genuine Brussels nets, $5.25, $5.48, $7.25 and $8.98 per pair.
Good values in Irish Points, $2.98, $3.75, $4.48, $4.00 and up.
Silky effects in satin Rouse portiers, $2.75 per pair and up.

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We pack and deliver all goods free.

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SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, APR. 9, 1897.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—See notice, "House to Rent."

—See L. Emery, Jr., & Co.'s new adv.

—Are we to have a ball team this year?

—Buttermilk is now ripe at the creamery.

—See notice of buggies and carriages for sale.

—The local painters and paper hangers are busy.

—W. P. Walsh has sold his plumbing business at Austin.

—Pennsylvania oil tumbled down to 88 cents last Monday.

—Forepaugh & Sells Bro's circus will be in Bradford, May 7.

—W. H. Dodd of Eldred started for South America this morning.

—Bank street is reported to be in a very bad condition for travel.

—Look out for an interesting letter from Port Allegany next week.

—Fred Backus is again confined to the house with muscular rheumatism.

—Ford of Olean has a new advertisement this week. Be sure to read it.

—An old maid was recently heard to remark, "It is never too late for men."

—Byron Badger has been putting some needed repairs on his residence on East street.

—The McCoy house, occupied by John Tretton, is being repainted and otherwise improved.

—Cars loaded with kindling wood for the Bradford factory pass over the B., B. & K. every day.

—Rev. J. Heber McCandless has been confined to the house with a severe cold for several days.

—Our farmers are very much interested in the agricultural implements offered by the Keator Bro's.

—Olmsted tells about the crockery, ladies' and gent's furnishings, etc. Be sure to read his advertisement.

—Sing Four wonders: "Will these 'bouncing babies' we hear so much of grow up to be 'rubbernecks?'".

—Supt. J. E. Myers has rented the Gallup house on State street and has moved his family into the same.

—Dr. Pierce has a change of adv. this week in which he tells a great truth about people neglecting their teeth. Be sure to read it.

—Mrs. T. D. Nash has an Easter advertisement in this week's issue of the MINER, which it will pay the ladies to peruse.

—The Bucktail reunion will be held here Thursday and Friday, Aug. 19 and 20. Now prepare to give them a good genuine reception.

—A fine street lamp has been placed in front of St. Luke's church. Give us more of them. There are several places that need illuminating.

—A New Jersey man recently purchased his neighbors wife for $10. They must have bargain counters down in the "Gal-lipper State."

—Trout fishing season opens next Thursday, but anglers should remember that it is illegal to keep a trout under five inches in length.

—Sucker fishing is being indulged in to a great extent just now. Last Monday one was caught near Gifford's mill that measured 22 inches in length.

—Through the efforts of the L. A. W. arrangements have been made with the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., to carry bicycles free over the entire system.

—Herman Tull, the deceptive twirler who won many games for the Smethport ball club, will pitch for Rochester during the coming season.—Bradford Era.

—A. R. Armstrong reports the creamery as starting off under very favorable circumstances. More than the usual quantity of milk is coming in at this season.

—Rev. Hughes, mention of whom was made last week, preached his last sermon at the Baptist church Tuesday evening. He is a man of broad mind, a deep thinker and one who will do a great deal for Christianity.

—H. P. Barbour, who for a number of years has acted as business manager of the Bradford Star has severed his connection with that journal. E. G. Cooley of New York will succeed Mr. Barbour as office business manager of the Star.

—It is a pleasure now to take a trip by rail to Coudersport. The entire distance can now be made in one hour and a half, whereas formerly it required over six hours.

—As an evidence of pure grit the Salvation Army have struck Bradford Well, if they escape with what religion they came there with, they well be exceedingly fortunate.

—Men who have hesitated about marrying pensioned widows can now go right ahead. Congress has decided that the pensions of "remarried widows" hold good.—Lawrenceville Herald.

—Last week the Empyrium Independent rounded out its thirtieth year. It does not seem to show its third of a century, but grows brighter as it grows older. May prosperity continue.

—The father of waters has been on the rampage for a long time and the Mississippi river has a larger volume of water than it ever contained before in the history of its settlement by the whites.

—W. D. Gallup has invented a new scheme to answer the purpose of an incubator. He placed some hens' eggs the other day on some onion sets and expects them to hatch out chickens from the eggs.

—The council last Monday night appointed a committee to investigate as to the advisability of purchasing a stone crusher for use on the streets. The committee will make their report next Monday night.

—"Sabbath Observance Day" in the National W. C. T. U. will be observed Sunday evening, April 11th, in the Baptist church. Rev. J. W. Sanborn will preach the sermon. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

—Parents who have children attending school ought to visit the school frequently to see what progress their children are making. Their visits would prove an incentive to urge the children on to renewed efforts in their studies.

—There was a gentleman in town from New York State last Saturday, by the name of E. M. Woodworth, who was seeking a location for a laundry. If he can secure a desirable building he will very likely come here and locate.

—There are several sewers in the borough that need looking after. Dumping sewerage into the ditches is not a good sanitary measure. It would be advisable to attend to this matter before the board of health take it in hand.

—President W. O. Leland of the First National Bank of Springville was arrested last Monday under an indictment found by the United States Court at Utica, N. Y., charging him with wrecking the bank. He was placed under $10,000 bail.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Leet arrived here from Genesee, Pa., last week and will make their home here in the future. Mr. Leet is agent for the New Columbus Bridge Co., of Columbus, Ohio. The MINER welcomes them to our pleasant town.

—Fred Raymond and an experienced driller named Cornelison of Ceres and H. H. Cobb and Frank Raymond of Coudersport will commence at once to put down a test well on the head waters of Kings Run near Ceres for oil or gas. May this new venture prove a success.

—It is claimed that there are from 800,000,000 to 1,000,000,000 feet of timber, mostly hemlock, along the Susquehanna and its tributaries which will be cut and driven principally to Williamsport. Consequently the lumbering interests along that line will last for a few years yet.

—William Parsons died at his home in Bradford last Tuesday of jaundice, aged 51 years. He leaves a wife and daughter, Miss Flora. The remains were taken to Perrysburg, N. Y. for burial Wednesday. Mr. Parsons was a resident of the borough for a number of years, but for two years has resided in Bradford.

—The Kane Republican of Tuesday says: "L. C. Oviatt, who stole a horse and harness from Joe Peterson at Kushequa, was captured yesterday by Constable Reed of Youngsville, between Pittsfield and Garland. Constable J. H. Adair of Mt. Jewett, and Joe Peterson of Kushequa, left for Youngsville this morning.

—Quite a large class of Masons received the Knights of Perfection degree at Coudersport last Tuesday night. Seventy-five members were present. An elegant banquet was served by the Ladies Aid of the M. E. church. All visiting brethren were loud in their praises of the reception received at the hands of the Coudersport lodge.

—The ladies of the Baptist church will give a supper at the parsonage in commemoration of their pastor's natal anniversary. We do not pretend to give the number of years, but simply say that if you attend you will receive a royal reception and have a most enjoyable time all for the small sum of 25 cents, children 15 cents. Do not fail to attend.

—A special from Glen Hazel, dated April 6th, says: The East Branch Hotel was destroyed by fire this evening. The National Transit Co.'s pumps were used and good work was done with the new water system, but the flames had gained great headway before a fire brigade reached the hotel and it could not be saved. The loss will be about $8,000, insurance $3,000.

—The Supreme Court of the State of New York decided last week that when a man proposes to a Miss under age and presents her with a ring, in case marriage does not take place and the young lady marries some other man the first lover cannot recover his ring. So boys, do not give engagement rings to the young ladies of the Empire State until you have landed your game.

—Last Monday a man came into our office, whose contact with the world has taught him several lessons. In ordering some job work he made the remark that once or twice in his life he had attempted to dictate to the printer how he should print the job, and that after the work was finished it looked worse than anything he had ever seen. He therefore thought it wise to abide by the judgment of the printer. Such an acknowledgment is so rare an occurrence that the force has not yet recovered.

—Capt. E. M. Simpson of Middle Haddam, Conn., died March 25, 1897, at the age of 82 years after a long and painful illness from rheumatism. Mr. Simpson was well-known in McKean and Potter counties as a shrewd and successful business man with a character worthy of emulation. He was at one time largely interested in the real estate business in this vicinity, having for his partners Leroy Lyman of Roulette, Pa., and Thomas King, a former resident of this borough. Scores of friends will mourn his death.

—Last Sunday at Coudersport, a man named Gallagher, who has been running a photographer's car there for sometime, attempted to commit suicide by drowning in the Allegany river below the Main street bridge. Bystanders went to his aid and saved the would-be suicide from a watery grave. Monday's report from him said he was quite delirious, but there were hopes of bringing him around all right. It is reported that barleycorn juice was the cause of the attempted self destruction.

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In about five minutes after our arrival the hose company got a stream on the main building and soon after two more streams of water on the flames.

The fire was a hot one and for some time everyone thought that Purtle's entire carriage, wagon and blacksmithing works would go and only for the efficient work of the firemen there would have been one of the largest conflagrations ever known in the history of Smethport. It was fully 40 minutes before the fire laddies got control of the fire, the odds being ten to one against them. But hard work and good management finally bested the fire demon and only the above mentioned buildings were consumed.

The origin of the fire is unknown. Frank Baker, T. H. Purtle's foreman, informed us that he was in the boiler room not fifteen minutes before the flames were discovered and that everything was all right at that time, and when first seen the flames were issuing from the top of the drying sheds, which are almost directly over the boiler house.

The corn on the roof of Wm. Master's shop was ignited by the heat. Palmer's barn being in such close proximity was also in great danger, and was only saved by the ample use of water. Fortune certainly favored in that there was no wind, or there would have been a large vacuum on the "Bowery".

The loss, although not carefully estimated, is placed at $1,200 with an insurance with the Mundeville company of Olean, of $600. Mr. Purtle will rebuild as soon as possible.

FLYING SPARKS.

Slug Four of the MINER burned the rubber in his neck.

Our new leader of the band is a fireman and no mistake.

Some one intimated that Cal Mordoff was rattled.

The citizens as well as the firemen did good work.

A certain church member said that he would not have been the recipient of more water at a baptismal service.

Where was George Washington with his little hatchet?

Holy Week at St. Luke's.

Next Sunday, commonly called Palm Sunday, the beginning of the Holy Week, will be observed at St. Luke's with the impressive services which speak both of the majesty and humility that marked the last days on earth of the Divine Redeemer. The church will be decorated with numerous Southern palm-branches, and the key-note of the services and the music will be the royalty of the Saviour in His way to the cross. This will be set forth at the evening service in that sublime and devout meditation on Calvary and the words from the cross. The musical work of Sir John Stainer, called "The Crucifixion." The service will begin at 7:30 p. m., with a procession and the old hymn "All Glory, Laud and Honor," 1613. During the week there will be daily services at 9 a. m., and 7:30 p. m., with additional service on Wednesday at 4:15 p. m., Thursday at 7:30 p. m., and Good Friday at 12 m. to 3 p. m., and a childrens' service at 4 p. m. A general call is made especially to the solemn Good Friday services and to the children at large to attend the 4 p. m. service and listen to "the old, old story," the wondrous story of the cross.

The Daily Buffalo Express.

Evangelist D. L. Moody, in a sermon at a revival meeting in New York, took occasion to score roundly some of the New York newspapers which he called cess-pools of iniquity and declared that they should not be allowed to enter a decent home. Unfortunately, there are some newspapers in western New York that think that sensationalism is the highest type of journalism, and that filth and gossip are news. By comparison with these papers, the Buffalo Express shines out prominently as a model of what a newspaper ought to be. It is bright without being sensational, daring without being filthy, interesting without being vulgar. It prints all the news and prints it cleanly. It is a paper that can be safely taken into the family circle without fear of contaminating the morals of any member of it, while all, from the youngest to the oldest, will find it full of interest and value. If a daily newspaper is to be taken into the family, the Buffalo Express is the one to take. It costs but fifty cents a month, and the wonder is why it is so cheap.

Reduced Rates to New York via Pennsylvania Railroad, Account Dedication of Grant Monument.

For the dedication of the Grant Monumental Tomb, April 27 the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell tickets from all points on its line to New York, April 26 (and from points within one hundred and fifty miles of New York, April 26 and 27), good to return until April 29 inclusive, at rate of a fare and a third for the round trip. Tickets for military companies in uniform, numbering fifty or more, traveling in a body on one ticket, will be sold at rate of single fare per capita for the round trip.

The parade on this occasion will be the grandest military demonstration since the war. Thousands of veterans, United States regulars, and State militiamen will be in line.

Thirty years is a long time to fight a painful a trouble as piles, but Jacob Mitchell of Unionville, Pa., struggled that long before he tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which quickly and permanently cured him. It is equally effective in eczema and all skin affections. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

For Rent.

A good desirable house containing 7 rooms, furnished with gas and water will be rented cheap. Fine location for a residence. Inquire of J. C. Gallup. tf

Croup and whooping cough are childhood's terrors; but like pneumonia, bronchitis, and other throat and lung troubles, can be quickly cured by using One Minute Cough Cure. A. B. Armstrong.

Wm. Master has placed in his shops on Water street all kinds of machinery for the manufacture of builder's material, such as moulding, siding, ceiling and surfaced lumber of all kinds.

The commonest name in New York City is that of Smith, which occurs on the rolls 3183 times. The best known Coffee in this section is "Heart's Delight."

Not only acute lung troubles, which may prove fatal in a few days, but old chronic coughs and throat troubles may be permanently cured by One Minute Cough Cure A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Wm. Master has employed a first-class bicycle repairman from Buffalo who will be able to make any repairs needed, or build new wheels.

Nails! Nails! Nails! 3c per lb. No science, no game, no trickery. You will get all goods at honest prices. Racket.

The "Old Hickory" wheel is the best. Easiest riding and not affected by climatical changes. See D. M. Brasted.

Strawberries and other choice fruits at the Bakery.

C. H. Goodsell of Olean spent Sunday in town.

Comrade B. F. Wright visited Olean on Tuesday.

Comrade Jewett of Custer City was in town last week.

Mrs. James McGuier visited Bradford last Wednesday.

Miss Hanna Walsh visited Olean friends over Sunday.

David Barr of Bradford was in town on Monday last.

J. C. Gallup transacted business in Bradford Monday.

C. R. Gallup of Mt. Jewett was in Coudersport Tuesday.

J. T. Lenox of Mt. Alton was at the Central Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Young visited Buffalo the first of the week.

Pat Kilday of Eldred was greeting old friends in town Saturday.

A. C. Rice of Bradford autographed at the Central Wednesday.

John Dorr of Kane was a guest at the Wright House last Friday.

"Billy" Black returned home last Wednesday from Clinton county.

H. L. Barlingame transacted legal business at Gardeau last Saturday.

H. H. Cobb and J. W. Allen of Coudersport were in town on Monday.

Justice Louis Steinhauer of Clermont was greeting friends in town Tuesday.

Gurt Parsons of Ridgway was a guest of C. E. Barrett a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Holmes and daughter, Ruth, drove to Eldred Sunday last.

Mesdames Gorton and Braated returned from a weeks visit to Buffalo Monday.

J. C. Weaver of Bradford was the guest of is brother, S. D. Weaver, Wednesday.

Ex-County Commissioner F. D. Simar of Port Allegany was in town Monday last.

Samuel Stoddard of Colegrove was in town last Saturday and did not forget the MINER.

H. A. Boyd of Clermont was in town Tuesday night looking just as happy as ever.

Rev. G. W. Halliwell of Kane was greeting his many old friends in town Wednesday.

County Commissioner W. A. Young was transacting business in Olean the first of the week.

Fred Cole and Floyd Abeam of Coudersport were pleasant callers at this office last Friday.

Justice B. L. Knapp went to Warren to attend a session of the E. A. U. last Wednesday.

J. H. Tew of Kane was in town last Friday night and installed the officers of the I. O. O. F.

Commissioner T. F. Hungerville and Clerk S. D. Weaver visited Turtle Point Tuesday.

Robert King and J. A. McKean have been engaged in surveying near Ormsby for a few days.

Mesdames D. C. Young, H. L. McCoy and Sherwood returned from Olean last Saturday night.

W. F. Specht attended the meeting of the insurance underwriters at Olean last Tuesday afternoon.

H. W. Barlingame returned from an extended visit among relatives in Ludington, Mich., last Friday.

Samuel Huff of Rew City, an old veteran of the war was a very pleasant caller at this office last Saturday.

J. H. Mott, S. C. Hood and C. H. Heim of Kane attended the Masonic blow-out at Coudersport Tuesday.

T. H. Morrison and friend, C. M. Dolan of Spokane, Falls, Wash., returned to Williams College last Tuesday.

C. O. Laymon of Port Allegany enjoyed a pleasant drive over Bush Hill Wednesday behind his high stepping colts.

J. H. Tate, J. F. Keating and W. E. Batts all prominent citizens of Clermont were taking in the sights of our town Monday.

G. W. Mitchell and W. F. Specht took soundings as to the depth of the mud up Cole Creek yesterday on their way to Bradford.

J. B. Oviatt of Norwich was a pleasant caller last Friday night, and by the way he was seen buying some angle worm torturers.

J. E. Dickinson of Bradford has been assisting Mr. Latham in taking the registry of our borough for Kirwin & Latham's directory.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Burdick, Mrs. J. F. Davis and Mrs. Sowers and little granddaughter, Beulah Chambers, went to Olean last Tuesday.

Arthur Mitchell came home from State College at Bellefonte last week and accompanied his mother to Bradford Monday for a visit. He returned to college Tuesday.

Mrs. Murray B. Greer, is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Andrew Riley, and sister, Mrs. Dennis Quinlisk, at her home on Bayard street.—Monday's Kane Republican.

Ralph C. Gleason returned home Tuesday evening from a ten days' visit in New York City. Ralph says New York is a busy town and that he had a very pleasant time.

Dr. John Clark returned last Friday from a six weeks' visit in the land of the Montezumas. He claims to have had a most enjoyable time in old Mexico. The doctor is looking as though his vacation had been of great benefit to him.

Last Tuesday Sheridan Gorton, L. W. Dunn, H. M. Chesle, A. W. Colegrove, H. C. Wells, W. H. Morrison, S. E. Bell and Devault Martin departed on the 11 o'clock train for Coudersport to take part in the Masonic ceremonies of the Knights of Perfection held there that day.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ANNIN CREEK.

Eggs are worth four cents per dozen in Turtle Point.

A. L. Strait took a load of potatoes to Bradford last week.

Mrs. James Hannon and her two children of Olean are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hodges.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Cooper are visiting their granddaughter, Mrs. C. J. Fullmer of Wright.

Rev. E. H. Hovey of Roulette was calling on friends in this place last week.

C. H. Holcomb and daughter, Anna, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Holcomb of Allentown, N. Y., the fotepart of the week.

George Wood has moved his family to Bell's Run where he has taken a farm to work.

E. B. Buckley and wife of Shingle House were in town the last of the week.

Gardis and Clarence Tubbs have come over from Derrick City. They are going to work their father's farm this summer.

J. B. Kinney was in town Monday.

Leroy Marsh of Bolivar in this place last week.

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MT. ALTON.

Wesley Haley of Mt. Alton was arrested in Bradford on Wednesday for pounding his father, and was brought before Squire I. T. Lemaux of this place and found guilty. It was settled, the cost paid and the prisoner set free.

A man came to Miss Roach's door the other night and knocked. Miss Roach asked who was there. The man would not give his name. She ordered him to leave, but he would not until she threatened to shoot.

Rev. J. H. Crocker went to Olean on Monday. His wife accompanied him as far as Bradford.

S. S. Washburn was in Ridgway on Friday on business.

If the old 100 per centers do not knock us out in the first round we will B able 2 sell U E-buckles best grade coffee next week for 14c per lb. We have all paid 25 & 28c for same. Racket.

The finest of room moulding 50 varities to select from. Call on L. Koenig Water street.

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If diseased, however, they cannot, and the blood continually becomes more impure. Every drop of blood in the body goes through the kidneys, the sewers of the system, every three minutes, night and day, while life endures.

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If you contemplate buying a wagon of any kind come and get prices at my shop, and I will convince you that I can make you as good a rig as you can buy elsewhere for less money. Remember I can furnish anything from a light buggy to the heaviest truck. Having placed machinery in my shop I can do better work and more of it, and for prices or repair work I am in position to give you figures that will surprise you.

PRICES FOR HEAVY WAGONS.

New tongue	$1 50
New axle	2 50
New tires	$7 00 to 8 00
New spoke	15

BUGGIES.

New tires	$4 50
New rims	4 00
New short arms	4 50
New shafts	$3 00 to 4 00
New bodies, hand-made,	4 50

In fact I can do work 25 per cent. cheaper than any other shop.

Look here, Mr. Farmer, I propose to meet you half way during these hard times. I will cut your wheels down and put on 1¼x4 inch bent oak rims and 5-16x4 steel tires for $14 00.

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Six quart Milk Pans,	.56 dozen
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12 " "	.20
14 " "	.25
12 " Galvanized Pails	.15
Spring Steel Harrows	10.00
Stove Pipe	.10 joint
5, 6 and 7 inch Elbows	.05
Dash Board Lanterns	.50
500 square feet Building Paper	.30
8 inch files	.05
100-Piece Dinner Set,	5.00
12-Piece Toilet Set	3.75
Buck Saws	.35
4-Tined Manure Forks	.35
5 " " "	.45
6 " " "	.50

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Victory of the Grand Duke of Mittenheim.

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the top of his speed through the forest, but on he went, thinking that the time had come for plain speaking, he looked back over his shoulder and shouted:

"Stop, it's the grand duke himself!"

The king stopped short in sudden amazement.

"Is the man mad?" he asked. "Who is the grand duke?"

"It's the grand duke, sire, who is with the princess; and you would have killed him if I had not snatched your sword," said the officer. And he also came to a halt, but he kept a very wary eye on King Rudolf.

"I should certainly have killed him, but him he who he will," said the king. "But why do you call him the grand duke?"

The officer very cautiously approached the king, and, seeing that the king made no threatening motion, he at last trusted himself so close that he could speak to the king in a very low voice, and what he said seemed to astonish, please and amuse the king immensely, for he clapped the officer on the back, laughed heartily, and cried:

"A pretty trick! On my life, a pretty trick!"

Now Oara and her lover had not heard what the officer had shouted to the king, and when Oara saw her brother returning from among the trees alone and with his sword she still supposed that her lover must die, and she turned and flung her arms round his neck and clung to him for a moment, kissing him. Then she found the king, with a smile on her face and the little dagger in her hand but the king came up wearing a scornful smile, and he asked her:

"What is the dagger for, my willful sister?"

"For me if you kill him," said she.

"You would kill yourself, then, if I killed him?"

"I would not live a moment after he was dead."

"Faith, it is wonderful," said the king, with a shrug. "Then plainly, if you cannot live without him, you must live with him. He is to be your husband, not mine. Therefore take him, if you will."

When Oara heard this, which indeed for joy and wonder she could hardly believe, she dropped her knife, and, running forward, fell on her knees before her brother, and, catching his hand, she covered it with kisses, and her tears mingled with her kisses. But the king let her go on and stood over her, laughing and looking at the student. Presently the student began to laugh also, and he had just advanced a step toward King Rudolf, when Count Sergius of Anthoim, the grand duke's ambassador, came out from among the trees, riding hastily and with great zeal after the noted robber. But no sooner did the count see the student than he stopped his horse, leaped down with a cry of wonder, and, running up to the student, bowed very low and kissed his hand. So that when Oara looked round from her kissing of her brother's hand she beheld the grand duke's ambassador kissing the hand of her lover. She sprang to her feet in wonder.

"Who are you?" she cried to the student, running in between him and the ambassador.

"Your lover and servant," said he.

"And besides?" she said.

"Why, in a month, your husband," laughed the king, taking her lover by the hand.

He clasped the king's hand, but turned at once to her and said humbly:

"Alas, I have no cottage!"

"Who are you?" she whispered to him.

"The man for whom you were ready to die, my princess. Is it not enough?"

"Yes, it is enough," said she, and she did not repeat her question. But the king, with a short laugh, turned on his heel and took Count Sergius by the arm and walked off with him, and presently they met the officer and learned fully how the grand duke had come to Strelsau and how he had contrived to woo and win the Princess Oara, and finally to carry her off from the palace.

It was an hour later when the whole of the two companies, that of the king and that of the ambassador, were all gathered together again and had heard the story, so that when the king went to where Oara and the grand duke walked together among the trees, and, taking each by a hand, led them out they were greeted with a great cheer. And they mounted their horses, which the grand duke now found without any difficulty, although when the need of them seemed far greater the student could not contrive to come upon them, and the whole company rode together out of the wood and along the road toward Strelsau, the king being full of jokes and hugely delighted with a trick that suited his merry fancy. But before they had ridden far they met the great crowd which had come out from Strelsau to learn what had happened to the Princess Oara. And the king cried out that the grand duke was to marry the princess, while his guards, who had been with him, and the ambassador's people spread themselves among the crowd and told the story. And when they heard it, the Strelsau folk were nearly beside themselves with amusement and delight and thronged round Oara, kissing her hands and blessing her. But the king drew back and let her and the grand duke ride alone together, while he followed with Count Sergius. Thus, moving at a very slow pace, they came in the forenoon to Strelsau. But some one had galloped on ahead with the news, and the cathedral bells had been set ringing. The streets were full, and the whole city was given over to excitement and rejoicing. All the men were that day in love with Princess Oara, and, what is more, they told their sweethearts so. And these found no other revenge than to blow kisses and fling flowers at the grand duke as he rode past, with Oara by his side. Then they came back to the palace whence they had fled in the early gleams of that morning's light.

It was evening, and the moon rose, fair and clear, over Strelsau. In the streets there were sounds of merriment and rejoicing, for every house was bright with light, and the king had sent out most and wine for every soul in the city that none might be out or hungry or thirsty in all the city that night; so that there was no small uproar. The king himself sat in his armchair, toasting the bride and bridegroom, in company with Count Sergius of Anthoim, whose dignity, since what wounded by the trick his master had played upon him, was healing graciously under the balm of King Rudolf's graciousness. And the king said to Count Sergius:

"My lord, were you ever in love?"

"I was, sire," said the count.

"So was I," said the king. "Was it with the countess my lord?"

Count Sergius opened his inkled demurely, but he answered:

"I take it, sire, that it must have been with the countess."

"And I take it," said the king, "that it must have been with the queen."

Then they both laughed, and then they both sighed, and the king, touching the count's elbow, pointed out to the former of the palace, on to which the room where they were opened. For Princess Oara and her lover were walking up and down together on the terrace, and the two shrugged their shoulders, smiling.

"With him," remarked the king, "it will have been with"—

"The countess, sire," discreetly interrupted Count Sergius of Anthoim.

"Why, yes, the countess," said the king. And with a laugh they turned back to their wine.

But the two on the terrace also talked.

"I do not understand it," said Princess Oara, "for on the first day I loved you, and on the second I loved you, and on the third, and the fourth, and every day I loved you. Yet the first day was not like the second, nor the second like

The Bishop kissed Oara's hand and wished her joy.

the third, nor any day like any other; and today, again, is unlike them all. Is love so various and full of changes?"

"Is it not?" he asked with a smile, "for while you were with the queen, talking of I know not what"—

"Nor I, indeed," said Oara hastily.

"I was with the king, and he, saying that forewarned was forearmed, told very strange and pretty stories. Of some a report had reached me before"—

"And yet you came to Strelsau?"

"While of others I had not heard."

"Or you would not have come to Strelsau?"

The grand duke, not heeding these questions, proceeded to his conclusion:

"Love, therefore," said he, "is very various, for M. de Mercesailles"—

"These are old stories," cried Oara, pretending to stop her ears.

"Loved in one way, and Stephen the smith in another, and—the miller of Hofbau in a third."

"I think," said Oara, "that I have forgotten the miller of Hofbau. But can one heart love in many different ways? I know that different men love differently."

"But cannot one heart love in different ways?" he smiled.

"Maybe," said Oara thoughtfully, "one heart can have loved." But then she suddenly looked up at him, with a mischievous sparkle in her eyes. "No, no," she cried, "it was not love! It was"—

"What was it?"

"The courtiers entertained me till the king came," she said, with a blushing laugh. And looking up at him again she whispered, "Yet I am glad that you lingered for a little."

At this moment she saw the king come out on to the terrace, and with him was the bishop of Modenstein, and after the bishop had been presented to the grand duke the king began to talk with the grand duke, while the bishop kissed Oara's hand and wished her joy.

"Madame," said he, "once you asked me if I could make you understand what love was. I take it you have no need for my lessons now. Your teacher has come."

"Yes, he has come," she said gently, looking on the bishop with great friendliness. "But tell me, will he always love me?"

"Surely he will," answered the bishop.

"And tell me," said Oara, "shall I always love him?"

"Surely," said the bishop again, most courteously. "Yet, indeed, madame," he continued, "it would seem almost enough to ask of heaven to love now and now to be loved, for the years roll on, and youth goes, and even the most incomparable beauty will yield its blossoms when the season wanes, yet that sweet memory may ever be fresh and young—a thing a man can carry to his grave and raise as her best monument on his lady's tomb."

"Ah, you speak well of love!" said she. "I marvel that you speak so well of love, for it is as you say, and today in the wood it seemed to me that I had lived enough and that even death was but love's servant, as life is, both purposed solely for his better ornament."

"Men have died because they loved you, madame, and some yet live who love you," said the bishop.

"And shall I grieve for both, my lord, or for which?"

"For neither, madame, for the dead have gained peace, and they who live have escaped forgetfulness."

"But would they not be happier for forgetting?"

"I do not think so," said the bishop. And, bowing low to her again, he stood back, for he saw the king approaching with the grand duke, and the king took him by the arm and walked on with him, but Oara's face lost the brief pensiveness that had come upon it as she talked with the bishop, and, turning to her lover, she stretched out her hands to him, saying:

"I wish there was a cottage, and that you worked for bread, while I made ready for you at the cottage, and then ran far, far, far down the road to watch and wait for your coming."

"Since a cottage was not too small, a palace will not be too large," said he, catching her in his arms.

Thus the heart of Princess Oara found its haven and its rest, for a month later she was married to the grand duke of Mittenheim in the cathedral of Strelsau, having utterly refused to take any other place for her wedding. And again she and he rode forth together, through the western gate, and the king rode with them on their way till they came to the woods. Here he paused, and all the crowd that accompanied him stopped also, and they all waited till the somber depths of the glades hid Oara and her lover from their sight. Then leaving them thus riding together to their happiness, the people returned home, and for the loss of their darling princess, but, for consolation and that their minds might less feel her loss, they had her name often on their lips, and the poets and story tellers composed very many stories about her, not grounded on fact, as are those which have been here set forth, but the fabric of idle imaginings, wrought to please the fancy of lovers or to wake the memories of older folk. So that, if a stranger goes now to Strelsau, he may be pardoned if it seem to him that all mankind was in love with Princess Oara. Nay, and those stories so pass all fair bounds, that if you listen to them you would come near to believing that the princess also had found some love for all the men who had given her their love. Thus to many she is less a woman that once lived and breathed than some sweet image under whose name they fondly group all the virtues and the charms of her whom they love best, each man fashioning for himself from his own chosen model her whom he calls this princess. Yet it may be that for some of them who so truly loved her, her heart had a moment's tenderness.

Who shall tell all the short lived dreams that come and go, the promptings and stirrings of a vagrant inclination? And who would pry too closely into these secret matters? May we not more properly give thanks to heaven that the thing is as it is? For surely it makes greatly for the increase of joy and entertainment in the world and of courtesy and tenderness that the heart of Princess Oara—or of what lady you may choose, sir, to call by her name—should flutter in pretty hesitation here and there and to and fro a little before it flies on a straight, swift wing to its destined and desired home. And if you be not the prince for your princess, why, sir, your case is a sad one. Yet there have been many such, and still there is laughter as well as tears in the tune to which the world spins round.

But with a ruby kindles in the vine,
And many a garden by the water blows.

Wear your will, then, as the Marquis de Marmaillon wore his, lightly and you must courteously, or wear it as wore it the bishop of Modenstein with courage and self mastery. Do as, if you wear it you must. You remember what the miller of Hofbau thought?

THE END.

AMERICA'S POMPEII.

INTERESTING DISCOVERIES MADE BY AN ALASKAN TRAVELER.

Relics of an Unknown Race Revealed by an Avalanche—The Walls of What May Be a Prehistoric City Laid Bare—Some Beautiful Specimens of Pottery.

One of the most interesting theories in regard to the ancient colonization of America is that relating to its Asiatic origin. These theories were supported by tribal traditions, chiefly among the highly civilized races of Mexico as they were discovered by the Spaniards, from an analysis of which it would appear that the first settlements of this continent were Asiatic—for the time of a high degree of cultivation; in time overrun and subjugated by more warlike and powerful invaders, who, like themselves, came from the north.

Archeological discoveries in New Mexico, Arizona and California have tended to confirm these obscure legends, and now a correspondent of The Globe-Democrat of St. Louis presents the latest claims in the evidence of a Professor Alfred Eldrige of Montreal as to recent discoveries made by him in Alaska. Professor Eldrige's statements to the correspondent were, in brief, as follows:

"At the month of the Kuwalik river, on the shore of Kotsebue sound, I encountered a small settlement of Indians, who were much surprised at my desire to proceed up the stream.

"The chief did all in his power to persuade me to abandon my project, explaining unbearable perils galore which I would be certain to encounter. The savages seemed to think the district cursed by the Great Spirit, and nothing could tempt them to set foot on it.

"I did not feel uneasy, however, until I arrived at the mouth of the Kuwalik. As I entered the mouth of this frozen river it seemed as though I could read, 'Abandon hope, all ye who enter here,' written across its horizon, and the vision of a possible Danteun 'Inferno' beyond amazed me.

"On the border of a little lake where I stopped my attention was drawn to a spot half way up a steep peak, which had evidently suffered some recent disturbance. On arriving at the situation I saw that a great body of earth had broken away and rolled down the mountain.

"The first thing to attract me was the discovery of a small piece of broken earthenware, light brown in color, with an artistically worked trimming of Greek design worked in black pigment. It was just such a piece as those I had found in New Mexico some years before, and any one can imagine my amazement at its discovery in that quarter.

"I turned quickly to scan the sides of the earth where the avalanche had torn it apart, and in the midst of the crevice, not 300 yards away from where I stood, I saw the profusion of a wall of dull gray masonry, crumbling and broken, but showing beyond all doubt, even at that distance, that the builder was human. On making further investigations I found evidences of numerous other walls at a distance of 50 or more feet apart, and some of them revealed corners of masonry.

"It soon became evident to me that I had discovered an American Pompeii through the work of the avalanche. The remains of houses I saw were undoubtedly those of a prehistoric city, covered with earth and debris, which had hidden it through some volcanic action, possibly during, but most likely long after, its desertion, centuries on centuries ago.

"All of the masonry was of beautiful symmetry, constructed of hewn sandstone blocks of an approximately even size, laid in strong mortar beds and with the joints broken. There were many pieces of broken pottery and other articles of domestic use lying around the ruins.

"But I sought higher game, and after preparing a wooden handle to a copper spade which I picked up on the scene I went to digging most industriously. Almost immediately my antiquated spade unearthed a few more fragments of pottery, which seemed an ominous sign. As I reached about six feet beneath the surface pots, vases, cups, plates, jugs, pipes and numerous articles of doubtful use and too heavy to bring away with me were uncovered with almost every thrust of the spade. The last articles my spade revealed were mixed sizes of arrows, spears of odd design, scrapers, hatchets and drills.

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14	Norton, M	7 75

Dallas City.

14	Hukhes, J C	7 75

Summit City.

14	Jaynes, J M	7 75

Sawyer City.

14	Woodland, G H	7 75

HAMLIN TOWNSHIP.

Lants.

14	Lants, N P	7 75

Palmerville.

14	Palmer, H & Son	7 75

Kanesholm.

14	Johnson, L M & Son	7 75

Hazel Hurst.

14	Healey, M J	7 75
14	Phillips, M A	7 75

Kushequa.

12	Kane, Elisha K	10 75

Griffith.

14	Brown, W A	7 75
14	Wamsly, H & Son	7 75

Hutchins.

14	Wilmot, J R, Ag't	7 75

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP.

Ludlow.

12	Curtis, J G	18 75
12	Johnson & Otis	10 75
14	Swanson, S	7 75
14	Smith, M T	7 75
14	Freedman & Epstein	7 75

Billiards.

	Anderson, A, 4 tables	60 75

KEATING TOWNSHIP.

Aiken.

14	Ebret, John	7 75
14	Kepler, P S	7 75

Davis City.

14	Murray, G C	7 75

Simpson.

14	Finnessey Bros	7 75

Ormsby.

14	Grosley, G S	7 75
14	Taylor, James	7 75
14	O'Connell & Son	7 75

Eating House.

8	Mayo, F B	5 75

Southard.

14	Hooper, J A	7 75

Farmers Valley.

14	Stull, J C	7 75

Coleville.

14	Appleber, C M	7 75

Coryville.

14	Williams, Frank	7 75

East Smethport.

14	Bush, O D	7 75
14	Burd, O L	7 75
14	Sykes, A E	7 75
14	Varney, Mrs N A	7 75
14	Warshofsky, H	7 75

LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP.

Mt. Alton.

14	Beaumont, G E	7 75
14	Geary, M S	7 75
14	Geary, Charles	7 75
14	Hunter, A & Co	7 75
14	McGraw, J H	7 75
14	O'Connell, J	7 75
14	Sherwin & Canip	7 75
14	Washburn, S S	7 75
14	Friedman, R	7 75

Billiards.

	Mahoney, James, 2 tables	40 75

Big Shanty.

14	Thompson, William	7 75
14	Wallace, C W & Co	7 75

Lewis Run.

14	Cannon, J C	7 75
14	Frink, W P	7 75
14	Foster, A A	7 75
14	Ross, Miles	7 75
14	Smith, Michael	7 75

Lafayette.

14	Koonse, G W	7 75

Marshburg.

14	Arrowsmith, J M	7 75

Westfloe.

13	Kane, E K	10 75

Glen Charles.

8	Glen Charles Supply Co	30 75

Song Bird.

14	Kinsman, N D	7 75

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP.

Wrights.

14	Ole Hanson	7 75

Portage.

14	Tyler, J F	7 75

NORWICH TOWNSHIP.

Gardeau.

14	Harrawitz, M	7 75
14	Rich & Andrews	12 75
14	Woodmansee, George	7 75

Billiards.

	Sturm, M C, 2 tables	40 75
	Kinney, Ide L, 1 bowling alley	30 75

Colegrove.

14	Benson, C A	7 75
14	Anderson, C A	10 75

Newerf.

14	Erhart, M	7 75
14	Jordan, M A	7 75

MT. JEWETT BOROUGH.

14	Appleteln, F B	7 75
14	Brown, C E & Son	7 75
14	Beacom, W J	7 75
14	Burse, M	7 75
14	Clemens, M & E	7 75
14	Colquist, E	7 75
14	Gallup, C R	7 75
14	Hess, E W	10 75
14	Jewell & Sigworth	7 75
14	Jackson, C G	7 75
14	Kistler, T	7 75
14	Kennedy, C W	7 75
14	Kerr, M E	7 75
14	Lundberg, S	7 75
14	Larson, Sam L	7 75
14	Lyon, G No. 2	7 75
14	Montgomery, E H	7 75
14	Melander, A	7 75
14	Newburg & Johnson	7 75
14	Phillips, A G	7 75
14	Parson, E S	7 75
14	Phillips, S	7 75
14	Stahl, C J & Co	7 75
14	Thompson, H A	7 75
14	Thompson & Co	7 75
14	Wood, M	7 75
14	White, T B	7 75
14	Welberg, F O	7 75

Eating Houses.

8	Anderson, G	5 75
8	Campbell, Mrs G L	5 75

Billiards.

	Lunden, C, 4 tables	60 75

OTTO TOWNSHIP.

Duke Center.

14	Dibble & Sullivan	7 75
14	Brown, J S	7 75
14	Brown, E	7 75
13	Grow Bros, No. 1	10 75
14	Grow Bros, No. 2	7 75
14	Kiebles, E	7 75
14	Duke & Mills	7 75
13	Berry & Duke	10 75

Billiards.

	Wolcott, George, 2 tables	50 75

Rixford.

14	Nutting, Burdick & Co	10 75
14	Lore, S M & Co	7 75
14	Lore, T B	7 75
14	Clark, Daniel	7 75
14	Park & Moffit	7 75

PORT ALLEGANY BOROUGH.

13	Bard, N H	10 75
14	Camp, F P & Co	7 75
13	Hay, T B	10 75
14	Davidson, C B	7 75
12	Dolley, E B & Co	13 75
14	Bleehie, S & Co	7 75
13	Dolley, C A & Co	10 75
14	Dalrymple, F P & Co	15 75
14	Foot & Sweman	7 75
14	Garthwaite, H H	7 75
14	Gerwick, F	7 75
14	Gallup, B C	7 75
14	Hosker, W & C W	7 75
13	Johnson, S E & Co	10 75
14	Rice, John	7 75
14	Thoren, Oscar	7 75
14	Whipper, N C	7 75
14	Wagner, O C	7 75
14	Williams, J H	7 75

Eating Houses.

8	Gerwick, F J r	5 75
8	Swallow, J D	5 75

Billiards.

	Mehaffey, G H, 1 table, 2 bowling alleys	30 75
	Cummings & Fource, 2 tables	40 75

SMETHPORT BOROUGH.

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